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Re: Application No. 10/708,506
Art Unit 1744

Dear Ms. Karls:

I filed for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for one month. This was received by the USPTO on February 7, 2007. Please advise me if I need to file for additional time regarding the review of my response to the attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

I will try my best to respond with the proper procedure to the above mentioned amendment. Please advise me if I need to use different language or format. ~~With regards to the amendments to the claims and proper status identifiers you indicated in the notice you mailed on December 20, 2006, I am responding as follows:~~

I will list the claims and attempt to provide the proper status identifiers:

Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An underwater system for cleaning and chemically sterilizing interior surfaces of drinking water storage, treatment, or distribution facilities comprising:

(Withdrawn) a vacuum housing having a suction opening at the bottom thereof and a vacuum housing outlet opening, and said vacuum housing having an exterior and an interior;

(New) a vacuum housing having a suction opening at the bottom thereof and a vacuum housing outlet opening, said suction opening being substantially rectangular and having a rear edge, a right edge, a left edge, and a front edge, said suction opening having a perimeter and said perimeter of said suction opening defining a plane, said vacuum housing having an exterior and an interior, said vacuum housing having a base portion and a cap portion, said cap portion having a rear wall and a front wall spaced apart from said rear wall, said cap portion having a closed top and an open bottom, said open bottom being smaller in area than